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Subject: Fw: Contact Us (response #2596)-Posted on 06/12/2014
From: Board of Supervisors/BOS/COSLO - Thursday 06/12/2014 08:15 AM
Sent by: Cytasha Campa/BOS/COSLO

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Survey Response

Name:	Sherri Litten
Telephone Number:	
Email address:	fireflyvf@yahoo.com
Comments or questions (8,192 characters max):	<p>I first thought that the water district would be a good idea as something needs to be done about the over use of water in our Paso Robles Basin. I am very confused and concerned about what I have been reading about this bill. All votes should be equal. Another thing that I read was that Paso Robles City can continue to take water out of our basin unregulated and uncontrolled. Right now they have allowed large hotels to be built that will use water from our basin so how can we regulate then? The city keeps saying that they will get water from Lake Nacimiento but take a look Nacimiento is almost dry not much water left to take and those poor people who own homes out at the lake. They get to look at a mud hole. Your job is to make sure that there is enough water for everyone fairly. Not just for the city people, or the wine people, or the small acreage people, but everyone. Do the right thing. Don't allow inequities. Give each person equal voice, and control Paso Robles City from utilizing more water than their fair share too. Thank you.</p>



Fw: Paso Robles Water District

Jennifer Caffee to: cr_board_clerk Clerk Recorder
Cc: BOS_Legislative Assistants

06/12/2014 09:38 AM

Jennifer Caffee
Legislative Assistant
5th District Supervisor Debbie Arnold
San Luis Obispo County
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From: Fred Hoey <hoeyvineyard@gmail.com>
To: toby.ewing@sen.ca.gov
Cc: district5@co.slo.ca.us
Date: 06/11/2014 05:13 PM
Subject: Paso Robles Water District

Please see the attached letter.

Thank you,



Fred Hoey Water District Letter.docx

MOONRISE RANCH

P. O. Box 218
Creston, California 93432

Frederick C. Hoey

Janet C. Hoey

VIA E-MAIL

June 11, 2014

Toby Ewing
c/o California State Senate

Re: AB 2453

Mr. Ewing:

We are writing with regard to the proposed Paso Robles area water district. We ardently oppose the creation of a district which would control our water. Further, we firmly believe that the primary offender in terms of creating the water crisis is the city of Paso Robles, its unrestricted past and ongoing development, and its taking of water from well outside of the geographical core area of the city to support that development. Our opposition to the formation of a water district is based on the following:

- The governance and method of the election of directors of the district is an affront to our democratic principles. While not technically unlawful it, risks placing district control in the hands of a few large land owners and consumers of water to the disadvantage of the overwhelming majority of landowners.
- The proposed amendment allowing the election of non-landowner directors is hollow and an insult to ones intelligence.
- The creation of a water district will trespass on our long standing rights and California policy in terms of over layer's historic water rights. Property rights are under attack in many ways and we don't need this assault.
- A water district will undoubtedly allow the sale and transport of water out of the district area which is absolutely unacceptable. An amendment to prohibit such transactions would be eminently more appropriate than one permitting non-landowner directors.
- The County of San Luis Obispo is accelerating efforts to place restrictions on those of us who are rural land owners and residents. We live in rural America for a reason and the formation of a water district will give County government another tool and justification to further restrict and control the use and enjoyment of our land.

Sincerely,

Frederick C. Hoey

Janet C. Hoey

Cc: K. H. Achadjian
Debbie Arnold

**AB 2453**

Debbie Arnold to: cr_board_clerk Clerk Recorder
Sent by: **Jennifer Caffee**

06/12/2014 10:15 AM

Debbie Arnold

Supervisor, 5th District
San Luis Obispo County
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From: "Sue Luft" <aslufft@wildblue.net>
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Cc: "Bruce Gibson - Supervisor" <bgibson@co.slo.ca.us>, "Debbie Arnold - Supervisor" <darnold@co.slo.ca.us>, "Adam Hill - Supervisor" <ahill@co.slo.ca.us>, "Frank Mecham - Supervisor" <fmecham@co.slo.ca.us>, "Caren Ray - Supervisor" <cray@co.slo.ca.us>
Date: 06/11/2014 05:11 PM
Subject: Support for AB 2453

Assembly Member Achadjian,

PRO Water Equity supports the amendments to AB 2453 dated June 7, 2014. However we cannot support further changes to AB 2453 which remove the hybrid governance structure. The focus of the bill is the hybrid board. Without that, there is no need for legislation.

Thank you for your continuing hard work on this issue.

Sue Luft
President, PRO Water Equity, Inc.



attachment – PWE letter 6-11-14 PWE letter 6-11-14.pdf

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From: Joseph Sulse <jsulse@gmail.com>
To: darnold@co.slo.ca.us
Date: 06/11/2014 08:28 PM
Subject: Re: AB 2453

Please use this copy of my letter. There are typos in previous version.

June 11, 2014

Senator Monning,

I am writing to express my strident opposition and extreme concern to and regarding attempts to form a water district for the Paso Robles groundwater basin under AB2453. As I'm sure you're aware, public outcry against the formation of a water district for Paso Robles groundwater basin is strong and your constituents' voices loud ... There is no widespread support for this bill!

Solutions to groundwater management are many, and we must not entertain flawed legislation and ideas under duress in an attempt to “do something, anything.” We must get this right the first time because AB2453 CANNOT be amended after signed into law. We rely on our precious water resource in many facets of our lives and there are those who wish to exploit Paso Robles groundwater basin for financial gain, not caring if their activities are detrimental to the health of the basin. This threat is REAL. Large corporations and investment trusts have been buying land at above-market prices with the sole intent to acquire the water rights. Please help us protect the basin from water bankers, water marketers, and those who are reluctant to implement water conservation.

AB2453, as written, has an “acre-based vote” structure, giving a limited number of large land owners a huge, undemocratic advantage over the vast majority of smaller land owners within the proposed district. At a minimum, it should be amended to allow for registered voters within the proposed district who are affected to vote (i) on the formation of the district, and (ii) thereafter on the election of Board members. This will allow for true, fair, and equal “local control and representation” of the basin. The district boundaries (which to date are still not clear or finalized) encompass a large area and thousands of land owners, the majority of whom do not have groundwater troubles. We are a group of diverse owners: vintners, ranchers, growers, farmers and residential land owners. Fact: As proposed, AB2453 will allow for only as little 40 owners to dictate water management for approximately as many as 10,000 others. At the basest level, that is simply wrong! The fundamental, democratic tenet of one person/one vote is being ignored!

THE BASIN IS NOT IN OVERDRAFT. This has been a point of confusion, disinformation, and blatant misrepresentation. In your own response to my previous correspondence you stated that “the basis is in overdraft;” Senator Monning, that is factually and empirically wrong. There are areas within the basin that now face challenges due to overuse and poor resource management, but the basin in its entirety is fine.

We ask that you listen to our collective voices and amend AB2453 to (i) allow for a one person / one vote structure; (ii) strictly forbid the export of any and all water from the basin; (iii) prohibit any water to be put back into the aquifer by man-made means whatsoever; (iv) If supplemental water procured from outside the basin is needed by those that overly the basin then that water needs to be piped directly to them.

Thank you,
Joseph Sulse

Creston, CA 93432

On Wed, Jun 11, 2014 at 1:27 PM, <darnold@co.slo.ca.us> wrote:

If you would like to get your comments in to the Senate Finance & Governance Committee, they need to be submitted by tomorrow. AB 2453 is not yet in the Committee's possession, but it should be tomorrow and we anticipating hearing the bill on June 18. The analysis of the bill should be available on June 12th. Comments can be sent to Toby Ewing at toby.ewing@sen.ca.gov

Sincerely,

Debbie

Debbie Arnold
Supervisor, 5th District
San Luis Obispo County
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Opposition to AB2453.pages

PRO Water Equity, Inc.

Paso Robles Groundwater Basin Overliers for Water Equity

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June 11, 2014

Assembly Member Achadjian
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Sacramento, CA 94249-0035

Re: AB 2453, Paso Robles Basin Water District

Dear Assembly Member Achadjian,

PRO Water Equity supports the amendments to AB 2453 dated June 7, 2014. However, we cannot support further changes to AB 2453 which remove the hybrid governance structure.

Because of our local demographics, it became apparent to PRO Water Equity that a water district with voting based solely on either acreage or one person-one vote would not succeed. We came to the legislature with a compromise to create a hybrid voting structure where all stakeholders have a voice and no one person or group can control the board.

The latest proposed amendments indicate the goal of AB 2453 is to create a nine member board. It is not. The focus of this bill is the HYBRID board. Without that there is no need for legislation.

A County Water District is a one-person one-vote district which can be formed by a petition to LAFCO. The legislature does not need to be involved. While the opponents to AB 2453 espouse wanting a one-person one-vote district, no one has submitted a petition for a County Water District to LAFCO.

Since only two of the five Supervisors have constituents over the Basin, having the Board of Supervisors appoint the directors ensures that outside interests will determine who is on the board.

Any governance structure must be funded, and funding involves a Prop. 218 vote. Those with the most benefit will pay the highest assessments and will get the most votes per Prop. 218. Irrigated agriculture will pay the bulk of the assessments needed to form the district. Why would irrigated agriculture support a one person – one vote governance structure which essentially gives them no voice?

Mission Statement: To promote the health, safety, common good and general welfare of the community by advocating for the stabilization and sustainability of the Paso Robles groundwater basin for the benefit of all overlayers.

We appreciate your continuing hard work and support to help us bring a governance structure to the Paso Robles Groundwater Basin whose board will offer representation to all and control by no individual or group, and whose charge will be to manage and balance the basin.

Thank you.

The Board of PRO Water Equity, Inc.



Sue Luft
President



Laurie Gage
Vice President



Jan Seals
Treasurer



CC Coats
Secretary

cc: Bruce Gibson, Chair, San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors
Supervisor Debbie Arnold
Supervisor Adam Hill
Supervisor Frank Mecham
Supervisor Caren Ray



Fw: ASB2453

Board of Supervisors to: BOS_Legislative Assistants,
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06/12/2014 11:33 AM

Sent by: **Cytasha Campa**

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Date: 06/12/2014 09:46 AM
Subject: ASB2453

Members of the Board of Supervisors;

Please support amendment of AB2453 to provide more public representatives on the Board of Directors. The current proposal is weighted far to heavily toward land ownership. A more equitable balance would be 6 representatives from land owners and 7 from the public.

It is vitally important that a district be formed as soon as possible but it is critical that the public be fairly represented.

Thank you for making this a top priority.

Fred Frank

Atascadero



AB 2453 Amendments - BofS 6-17-14

David Broadwater

to:

fmecham, bgibson, ahill, cray, darnold

06/12/2014 12:15 PM

Cc:

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Cc: cr_board_clerk@co.slo.ca.us

SLO Co. BofS

re: AB 2453 Amendments / Paso Robles Groundwater Basin Governance

I urge you to support the draft amendment which would qualify all registered votes (not property owners only) for participation in governing whatever structure is formed for the Paso Robles Groundwater Basin.

I also, again, emphatically urge you to support another amendment to establish a one-person / one-vote system for creating a governance structure and electing its officers. By allocating votes based on the number of acres owned for six of the nine seats on the board, control over the Basin will be concentrated in the hands of a small minority of large landowners, creating an oligarchy. This is un-representative, anti-democratic and un-American, and will reduce most residents to the status of serfdom. Such a system belongs in the Dark Ages, not 2014.

Yes - Amend AB 2453 - Stand for a one-person / one-vote governance structure. Throw the current "hybrid" proposal in the trash bin of history, where it belongs.

David Broadwater

Atascadero



Fw: AB2453

Board of Supervisors to: BOS_Legislative Assistants,
cr_board_clerk Clerk Recorder

06/16/2014 08:14 AM

Sent by: **Cytasha Campa**

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Date: 06/14/2014 08:39 AM
Subject: AB2453

To the San Luis Obispo Board of Supervisors
Re AB2453 - Oppose as written
6/14/14

Please do not support the legislation AB2453 in any form unless it is amended to have one person - one vote for the formation vote and also for the election of the board of directors.

While I applaud the amendment opening the positions of the 3 at large board of directors to non-landowners, the formation vote and the vote for the other 6 board members, are all still based on acreage. Before this is changed, all other amendments in my eyes are meaningless.

As currently written, the district formation and the voting for the Board of Directors are heavily weighted towards a few large landowners. We are a diverse community. Only 30-50 landowners could form a district made up of 4,906 landowners. There are about 10,000 rural residential voters who are not fairly represented in the proposed legislation. We want the formation vote to be one vote per registered voter and the election of Board of Directors to be one vote per registered voter."

As Supervisor Gibson states, "Our Board's position was heavily influenced by the agreement between ...PRAAGS and Pro Water Equity..."

However, both of these groups represent only a small fraction of the people whom the water district will affect. Just because theirs was the first proposal, does not mean it is the best or that there are no other options.

Please do not support the legislation in any form unless it is amended to give all of those whose lives will be affected a chance to vote.

Kristie Meyrick
Templeton, CA

**Fw: Contact Us (response #2598)****Board of Supervisors** to: BOS_Legislative Assistants,
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Sent by: **Cytasha Campa**

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Name:	Carol Rowland
Telephone Number:	
Email address:	crowland@wildblue.net
	<p>To the San Luis Obispo Board of Supervisors Re AB2453 - Oppose as written 6/13/14</p> <p>While I applaud the amendment opening the positions of the 3 at large board of directors to non-landowners, the formation vote and the vote for the other 6 board members, are all still based on acreage. Before this is changed, all other amendments in my eyes are meaningless. I created 2 petitions, with a total of 240 signatures, one to the Board of Supervisors, and one to Assemblyman Achadjian, both basically saying, "As currently written, the district formation and the voting for the Board of Directors are heavily weighted towards a few large landowners. We are a diverse community. Only 30-50 landowners could form a</p>

Comments or questions (8,192 characters max):

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To: BOS_Legislative Assistants, cr_board_clerk Clerk Recorder/ClerkRec/COSLO@Wings,
Cc:
Bcc:
Subject: Fw: Contact Us (response #2599)-Duckworth
From: Board of Supervisors/BOS/COSLO - Monday 06/16/2014 08:18 AM
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Survey Response

Name:	Penelope Duckworth
Telephone Number:	
Email address:	pen_lope@hotmail.com
Comments or questions (8,192 characters max):	SLO County Supervisors: I am unable to attend the June 17th Supervisors meeting but wish to be on record as totally opposed to AB 2453 in any form. The county already has an AB 3030 Water Management District, therefore it would be ridiculous to create a new governing body to perform the work that you are already getting paid to do unless you are willing to transfer the \$1,000,000 + per year from your budget to finance this new district. It is your job, don't ask us to pay someone else to do the work you asked for when you ran for the office of County Supervisor! Penelope Duckworth



To: BOS_Legislative Assistants, cr_board_clerk Clerk Recorder/ClerkRec/COSLO@Wings,
Cc:
Bcc:
Subject: Fw: Contact Us (response #2600)-Bad Bill
From: Board of Supervisors/BOS/COSLO - Monday 06/16/2014 08:18 AM
Sent by: Cytasha Campa/BOS/COSLO

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Survey Response

Name:	
Telephone Number:	
Email address:	
Comments or questions (8,192 characters max):	Dear County Supervisors, I urge a change to the PR groundwater basin services district bill. This board should be elected as all of our other elected representatives are; by a vote of all effected residents, one registered voter resident, one vote. Our country was established expressly NOT to give landowners priority over any other citizens. There is no reason landowners should be given more voting rights than the actual residents that live on effected parcels. This is a step back to governance by the wealthy. Bad bill.



To: cr_board_clerk Clerk Recorder/ClerkRec/COSLO@Wings, BOS_Legislative Assistants,
Cc:
Bcc:
Subject: Fw: Contact Us (response #2601)-REDDY
From: Board of Supervisors/BOS/COSLO - Monday 06/16/2014 08:19 AM
Sent by: Cytasha Campa/BOS/COSLO

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Name:	Reddy V Reddy
Telephone Number:	
Email address:	reddy1reddy@hotmail.com
Comments or questions (8,192 characters max):	<p>SLO County Supervisors: I wish to be on the record as totally opposed to AB 2453 in any form. I am unable to attend the June 17th Supervisor meeting. County already has an AB 3030 water management district with a budget of \$1,000,000 + per year paid for by us the tax payers. It is rediculus to creat another AB 2453 paid for by us the tax payers. It is the County Supervisors job, as elected officials to manage AB 3030 and not create another district with about 12 individuals from PRAAGS/PROWater. I represent a majority of over 15,000 Paso Robles Basin who pay over 80% of the taxes which pay your salaries. Reddy V. Reddy</p>



To: BOS_Legislative Assistants, cr_board_clerk Clerk Recorder/ClerkRec/COSLO@Wings,
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Survey Response

Name:	Siripron Reddy
Telephone Number:	
Email address:	mint26mint26@hotmail.com
Comments or questions (8,192 characters max):	<p>SLO County Supervisors: I wish to be on the record as totally opposed to AB 2453 in any form. I am unable to attend the June 17th Supervisor meeting. County already has an AB 3030 water management district with a budget of \$1,000,000 + per year paid for by us the tax payers. It is rediculus to creat another AB 2453 paid for by us the tax payers. It is the County Supervisors job, as elected officials to manage AB 3030 and not create another district with about 12 individuals from PRAAGS/PROWater. I represent a majority of over 15,000 Paso Robles Basin who pay over 80% of the taxes which pay your salaries. Siripron Reddy</p>



Fw: I Oppose AB2453

Frank Mecham to: cr_board_clerk Clerk Recorder
Sent by: **Vicki Shelby**

06/16/2014 08:22 AM

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Date: 06/11/2014 03:32 PM
Subject: FW: I Oppose AB2453

To: Adam Hill; Bruce Gibson; Caren Ray; Debbie Arnold; Frank Mecham
Subject: I Oppose AB2453

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The purpose of this E Mail is to inform you I reside in the area of Paso Robles Groundwater Basin and I strongly oppose AB2453 and the establishment of an additional Water District to control distribution of the water contained in the Paso Robles Groundwater Basin. We have the Paso Robles Flood Control District which already exerts control over our ground water and do not need an additional water district to complicate ground water issues.

Sincerely,

[John Texeira](#)
Paso Robles, CA



Fw: Support for AB 2453

Frank Mecham to: cr_board_clerk Clerk Recorder
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Thank you for your continuing hard work on this issue.

Sue Luft
President, PRO Water Equity, Inc.



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June 11, 2014

Assembly Member Achadjian
State Capitol
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Re: AB 2453, Paso Robles Basin Water District

Dear Assembly Member Achadjian,

PRO Water Equity supports the amendments to AB 2453 dated June 7, 2014. However, we cannot support further changes to AB 2453 which remove the hybrid governance structure.

Because of our local demographics, it became apparent to PRO Water Equity that a water district with voting based solely on either acreage or one person-one vote would not succeed. We came to the legislature with a compromise to create a hybrid voting structure where all stakeholders have a voice and no one person or group can control the board.

The latest proposed amendments indicate the goal of AB 2453 is to create a nine member board. It is not. The focus of this bill is the HYBRID board. Without that there is no need for legislation.

A County Water District is a one-person one-vote district which can be formed by a petition to LAFCO. The legislature does not need to be involved. While the opponents to AB 2453 espouse wanting a one-person one-vote district, no one has submitted a petition for a County Water District to LAFCO.

Since only two of the five Supervisors have constituents over the Basin, having the Board of Supervisors appoint the directors ensures that outside interests will determine who is on the board.

Any governance structure must be funded, and funding involves a Prop. 218 vote. Those with the most benefit will pay the highest assessments and will get the most votes per Prop. 218. Irrigated agriculture will pay the bulk of the assessments needed to form the district. Why would irrigated agriculture support a one person – one vote governance structure which essentially gives them no voice?

Mission Statement: To promote the health, safety, common good and general welfare of the community by advocating for the stabilization and sustainability of the Paso Robles groundwater basin for the benefit of all overlayers.

We appreciate your continuing hard work and support to help us bring a governance structure to the Paso Robles Groundwater Basin whose board will offer representation to all and control by no individual or group, and whose charge will be to manage and balance the basin.

Thank you.

The Board of PRO Water Equity, Inc.



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Subject: Fw: Support AB 2453, Paso Robles Basin Water District-LONG
From: Frank Mecham/BOS/COSLO - Monday 06/16/2014 08:23 AM
Sent by: Vicki Shelby/BOS/COSLO

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Subject: Support AB 2453, Paso Robles Basin Water District

June 12, 2014

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Thank you for your consideration and support for this important issue.

Sincerely,
John Long

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*We make a living by what we get, but we make a life
by what we give. - Winston Churchill*



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Subject: AB2454 Paso Robles Basin Water District-Don and Marianne Elliston

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State Capitol, Room 408
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Subject: Support AB 2453-Jonathan Bachellier

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Date: 06/12/2014 07:38 AM
Subject: Support AB 2453

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Subject: Fw: Opposition to AB2453-Joseph Sulse
From: Frank Mecham/BOS/COSLO - Monday 06/16/2014 08:29 AM
Sent by: Vicki Shelby/BOS/COSLO

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Date: 06/12/2014 05:59 PM
Subject: Opposition to AB2453

Senate Committee,

I am writing to express my strident opposition and extreme concern to and regarding attempts to form a water district for the Paso Robles groundwater basin under AB2453. As I'm sure you're aware, public outcry against the formation of a water district for Paso Robles groundwater basin is strong and your constituents' voices loud ... There is no widespread support for this bill!

Solutions to groundwater management are many, and we must not entertain flawed legislation and ideas under duress in an attempt to "do something, anything." We must get this right the first time because AB2453 CANNOT be amended after signed into law. We rely on our precious water resource in many facets of our lives and there are those who wish to exploit Paso Robles groundwater basin for financial gain, not caring if their activities are detrimental to the health of the basin. This threat is REAL. Large corporations and investment trusts have been buying land at above-market prices with the sole intent to acquire the water rights. Please help us protect the basin from water bankers, water marketers, and those who are reluctant to implement water conservation.

AB2453, as written, has an "acre-based vote" structure, giving a limited number of large land owners a huge, undemocratic advantage over the vast majority of smaller land owners within the proposed district. At a minimum, it should be amended to allow for registered voters within the proposed district who are affected to vote (i) on the formation of the district, and (ii) thereafter on the election of Board members. This will allow for true, fair, and equal

“local control and representation” of the basin. The district boundaries (which to date are still not clear or finalized) encompass a large area and thousands of land owners, the majority of whom do not have groundwater troubles. We are a group of diverse owners: vintners, ranchers, growers, farmers, and residential land owners. **Fact: As proposed, AB2453 will allow for as few as 40 owners to dictate water management for (approximately) as many as 10,000 others.** At the basest level, that is simply wrong! The fundamental, democratic tenet of one person/one vote is being ignored!

THE BASIN IS NOT IN OVERDRAFT. This has been a point of confusion, disinformation, and blatant misrepresentation. There are areas within the basin that now face challenges due to overuse and poor resource management, but the basin in its entirety is fine.

We ask that you listen to our collective voices and amend AB2453 to (i) allow for a one person / one vote structure; (ii) strictly forbid the export of any and all water from the basin; (iii) prohibit any water to be put back into the aquifer by man-made means whatsoever; (iv) If supplemental water procured from outside the basin is needed by those that overlie the basin then that water needs to be piped directly to them.

Thank you,
Joseph Sulse

Creston, CA 93432



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Paso Robles, CA 93446



Fw: AB2453

Frank Mecham to: cr_board_clerk Clerk Recorder
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Date: 06/12/2014 07:52 AM
Subject: AB2453

Honorable Senate Committee, Finance and Governance,

I want my "NO" vote to be heard regarding the formation of the Paso Robles Water District. Please amend AB 2453 to reflect one person, one vote. As it is written, 30 landowners will be able to form the district which will have powers to tax and regulate local landowners. This should be a vote by the people of the County and not by a select few. Please listen to ALL of your constituents!

Michael & Michele Bova
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Date: 06/12/2014 08:09 AM
Subject: AB2453

Honorable Senate Committee on Finance and Governance,

"I want my 'no' vote to be heard regarding the formation of the Paso Robles Water District. Please amend AB 2453 to reflect one person one vote. The recent letter from Mr. Bruce Gibson, is totally untrue. Mr. Gibson does not represent me, Mrs. Debbie Arnold does. I am in the 5th district. Please listen to what she has to say! There has not been extensive public input regarding AB 2453 nor the accepted amendments. The public comment that has been made is against AB 2453. Mr. Gibson states that "there has been numerous public input on this" which is misleading to say the least! The voices of North County have not been heard nor has our concerns been addressed. There has been approximately 158 letters sent to the Assembly Committee opposing the bill as compared to approximately 15 letters in favor. The true fact of the matter is without amending the bill as written thirty largest land owners control enough acreage to sweep an election to form the district, even if 11,000 registered voters in the district vote against it. Ninety landowners control 2/3 rds. of the

*land in the proposed district and **1/2 of the land is owned by people outside of the district**; this bill would guarantee a permanent majority in election to non-resident landowners over district residents.*

Residents who don't own large acreage will have no say as to whether or not this type of governance model should be adopted. This is not a democracy.

The only true resolve of this issue is to support a proposed amendment stating "A one-person-one-vote model" guaranteeing equal access, fair representation, and empower local residents to make meaningful groundwater management decisions.

Thank you.

*Stephen M. Bayus
Mail: P.O. Box 292, Paso Robles, CA 93447*



Fw: We Support AB 2453

Frank Mecham to: cr_board_clerk Clerk Recorder
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Subject: We Support AB 2453

Hi Frank,

Attached is our letter of support for AB 2453. See you tomorrow.

Bob and Marianne Brown

Paso Robles, CA 93446



Support letter to Senator Wolk June 12th.docx

June 12, 2014

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Landowners in the proposed district rely 100% on wells drilled on their land. We have no voice in how our groundwater is managed. The proposed district is the best chance for us to balance our basin and gives everyone a voice.

One person one vote districts are for cities. That is not us. The Basin has no civic center and we do not distribute water to individual properties. We have a thriving agricultural area that provides millions of tax dollars that makes our county economically healthy. A one person one vote district will not pass here. Farmers, ranchers will not vote to fund such a district if they have no say in how the district is managed.

Thank you for your consideration and we ask for your support for this important issue.

Sincerely,

Robert Brown **Marianne Brown**

Robert F. and Mary A. Brown

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Fw: AB 2453, Paso Robles Basin Water District
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Sent by: **Vicki Shelby**

06/16/2014 08:26 AM

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Date: 06/12/2014 10:21 AM
Subject: Re: AB 2453, Paso Robles Basin Water District

I am writing in opposition to AB 2453 and to urge you to oppose this legislation and creation of a water district.

Although I am very aware of our water situation and the drought and increased utilization and demand on our unground water basin over the last few decades due to residential, commercial and agriculture growth.

Also, As a small acreage landowner of a rural residential property, I do have first hand experience of having my domestic water well levels decline and have had to lower our pump to the bottom some years back. I only live on 10 acres and do not do any farming nor do I do any grapes. Further I have cut back and decreased my usage by taking out a large portion of my landscaping grass and replaced it with a more water conserving landscape and hardscape.

With that said, I still oppose the creation of another governing body to rein over and control our private property rights.

there are several reasons: I am sure this will mean more gov costs, more taxation or usage of our tax dollars. Also, I believe, after researching the data, that there is conflicting data on our underground aquifer and whether it is just normal declines in the shallow layers in times of heavy drought and declined rainfall. Yes, many shallow wells, such as my well, are experiencing declining levels but that is always the risk of shallow wells.

I believe the better course of action of Gov in dealing with drought and water issues is not

regulate growth by building permits such as we see in Cambria and to invest in bringing in water sources and possible desalination or other ways to increase water supply.

Also, since there is a high percent of usage by ag properties and especially the large increase in vineyard and wine industry properties: I would believe that, since these are being use as a commercial venture type of usage, maybe there is some zoning or regulation that can be created to help manage this.

The State of Idaho does not have the same water right laws that we do. You can not just purchase and large acreage property and drill a commercial ag well and pump as much water out as you want. they have state and county wide water laws and rights that control this.

Anyway, I oppose this. I do not think enough real data is out there and also not convinced that another Gov body will be any better at solving our water problems then this state and fed gov bodies seem to be at many other areas of our public life: How about our state budget and economy for an example...

thank you
Brad



Fw: amend 2453

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Date: 06/12/2014 11:09 AM
Subject: amend 2453

Thank you for all your hard work on the water issues. It is a very challenging issue. Please consider amending 2453 to one person one vote for election of directors and of forming the district. Many of us who own less than 40 acres will not have representation if a change is not made. We have lived here for almost 40 yrs. and to see how the vineyards have dominated the county is depressing. We have learned to live with limited water and feel the wine industry should also. This county does not have the water to support the growing wine industry.

Thank you for your consideration,
Larry and Vicki Carlson
Creston



Fw: AB2453

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Date: 06/12/2014 11:27 AM
Subject: AB2453

State Senator Simmons:

I urge you, your fellow State Senators and Commissioners of the County of San Luis Obispo to not support AB2453 as it is currently written. If you believe in the concept of one person one vote, then you should not support this bill. The board of directors as currently proposed will surely be controlled by the largest and wealthiest land owners. When six of the nine seats on the board are elected based on land ownership, i.e. one acre one vote, one thousand acres one thousand votes, who do you think will be controlling the board? It will not be a person with one or no acres. The top nine vote getters in an open election should man the board. One person, one vote.

Pro Water Equity does not represent all small rural landowners, on the contrary they have sold us out.

Sincerely,
Bill Tkach

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Fw: AB 2453

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Date: 06/12/2014 01:56 PM
Subject: Re: AB 2453

June 12, 2014

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Senator Wolk and Members of the Senate Governance and Finance Committee,

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Thank you for your consideration and support for this important issue.

My best regards

Mark Coats

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Date: 06/12/2014 02:01 PM
Subject: Re: AB 2453- support

Please see attached letter in support of AB 2453.

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Fox Creek Farm
Mark and CC Coats
San Miguel, CA



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Sincerely,

Sheryl Coats

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Date: 06/12/2014 03:06 PM
Subject: Support for AB 2453

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Sincerely,
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Date: 06/12/2014 03:34 PM
Subject: Document for Consideration

To the San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors:

I was hoping to present the information in the attached document "Leveling the Playing Field" at your meeting of June 17, 2014 but will be traveling out of the area.

Please consider the material which I hope will contribute to your discussions at that time.

Very truly yours,

William M. Frost

Paso Robles CA 93446



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LEVELING THE PLAYING FIELD

This document will examine the organization of the board of directors in the Paso Robles Basin Water District proposed by Assembly Bill (AB2453) and suggest a minor change which will do much to equalize the power of the factions most affected by operation of the District. As the day-to-day operations of this proposed district would be directed by this board, it is essential that these directors be selected in a democratic manner which best represents the interests of all stakeholders in the Basin.

(AB2453 defines, for the District, a nine-member board of directors comprised as follows: six seats would be held by landowners divided into three acreage classes dependent upon the amount of acreage owned in the District. The remaining three directors would be elected at-large from the pool of eligible voters in the District.)

AB 2453 can be looked upon as a work-in-progress which ultimately may truly and democratically equalize the powers of the competing factions in the Paso Robles Basin Water District. However, in its current form, the proposed law does, through the election of six directors based solely on acreage, favor the larger landowners while, at the same time, provide only a minor voice to the general voting population. As AB2453 is currently working its way through the legislature, ample opportunity is available to tailor the selection of directors into something more realistically favorable to all those who will be directly affected by day to day operations of the District. This fine-tuning of the law can take place up to the time of final negotiations between the California Senate and the Assembly.

We observe that the three populations most directly affected by the organization of the District are:

1. Large acreages in the two categories of a.) 400 acres or more and b.) forty to 400 acres. These landowners, particularly of irrigated land, obviously have an vested economic interest in administration of the District and are understandably likely to bear the lion's share of any start-up and operational costs.
2. Rural residents residing on parcels of less than forty acres. Parcels in this category constitute 86 percent of those in the Basin and vastly outnumber the parcels in the other two larger acreage categories. Assuming this same relationship between acreage and number of owners holds true for this under 40-acre category, those persons holding one or two acres, will greatly outnumber the individuals who possess twenty acres or more(i). Thus, these numerous domestic residents with limited landholdings of less than, say five acres are essentially "caught in the

middle” with virtually no representation since the owner of 40 acres can effectively nullify the votes of 40 persons owning only one acre.

3. The general population of registered non-landowner voters who generally have no direct economic stake in the basin but who, as water users, can nonetheless provide some balance in the water district governance.

A fourth category which may or may not come into play are the Ultra-large landowners of more than 5000 and up to 30,000 acres. According to most accounts, these properties consist mostly of non-irrigated rangeland with, in some cases, small acreages dedicated to vineyards or forage crops. As this class of properties will obtain no obvious benefit from the District, they may move to be excluded from the District so they do not have to pay even minimum fees. Alternatively, only a few of these major players could easily, by virtue of sheer acreage, dominate the over 400 acre class of voter.

So the need is for a solution which will work within the framework of AB2453 and, with minor modification, put the each of the three populations above – large irrigated acreages, domestic well owners, and non-landowners -- on a more equal footing than the current acreage-based scheme. One mechanism would be to modify the voting for the two directors in the under 40-acre class from one vote per acre to one vote per property owner. This would give a distinct voice to the strictly domestic rural residents, who through their sheer numbers, deserve to have effective representation on the Board of Directors.

Competition and compromise are at the heart of our democracy, and this simple modification to AB2453 would prevent any single class from establishing a majority position in the district board without some support from either of the other two classes and truly “Level the Playing Field”.

(i) To promote more intelligent and accurate discussion, the database which lists the parcel numbers of landholdings within the subject Basin, along with associated acreages, should be placed in the public domain, and be administered and maintained by the office of the San Luis Obispo County Assessor/Tax Collector.



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Subject: Fw: AB 2453-Claude J. Demers
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Subject: AB 2453

"I want my 'no' vote to be heard regarding the formation of the Paso Robles Water District. Please amend AB 2453 to reflect one person one vote. The recent letter from Mr. Bruce Gibson, reference attached, is totally untrue. **There has not been** extensive public input regarding AB 2453 nor the accepted amendments. The voices of North County have not been heard nor has our concerns been addressed. There has been approximately 150 plus letters sent to the Assembly Committee opposing the bill as compared to approximately 15 letters in favor. The true fact of the matter is without amending the bill as written **thirty largest land owners control enough acreage to sweep an election to form the district, even if 11,000 registered voters in the district vote against it.** Ninety landowners control 2/3 rds. of the land in the proposed district and **1/2 of the land is owned by people outside of the district;** this bill would guarantee a permanent majority in election to non-resident landowners over district residents.

Residents who don't own large acreage will have no say as to whether or not this type of governance model should be adopted. This is not a democracy.

The only true resolve of this issue is to support a proposed amendment stating "A one-person-one-vote model" guaranteeing equal access, fair representation, and empower local residents to make meaningful groundwater management decisions.

Thank you.

Claude J. Demers

Paso Robles, CA 93446



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Senator Wolk and Members of the Senate Governance and Finance Committee,

Re: AB 2453, Paso Robles Basin Water District

I am writing to voice my support for AB 2453, as well as the Amendments dated June 7, 2014. As a resident landowner of two acres overlying the Paso Robles Groundwater Basin, I am painfully aware of the local water issues. Many wells in this area have gone dry, necessitating owners to spend their savings to drill a new well. Those who cannot afford to drill a new well are relegated to trucking in non-potable water and buying drinking water. Local drilling companies have a six month or longer waiting list.

The level of my well declined 70 feet in 10 years. I fully expect our 500 foot well to run dry in the near future.

The Paso Robles Groundwater Basin is in dire need of a water district that can manage the Basin as a whole and work to balance and stabilize it, making it sustainable in the future. The State has voiced the desire for local solutions to water problems. I believe AB 2453 creates a local solution tailored for our specific needs. It gives all residents and landowners a voice in managing this necessary resource,

while giving no one person or group the ability to control it.

I urge you to pass AB 2453.

Sincerely,
Janet Seals

Paso Robles, CA 93446

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Date: 06/12/2014 07:23 PM
Subject: support AB 2453

June 12, 2014

The Honorable Senator Lois Wolk
Chair, Senate Governance and Finance Committee
State Capitol, Room 408
Sacramento, CA 95814
mindy.simmons@sen.ca.gov

Senator Wolk and Members of the Senate Governance and Finance Committee,

Re: AB 2453, Paso Robles Basin Water District

I support AB 2453. I also support the amendments dated June 7, 2014. I am a resident on two acres overlying the Paso Robles Groundwater Basin. Lots of wells in the area have run dry. I don't want mine to.

The Paso Robles Groundwater Basin needs to be managed. The "can" has been kicked down the road for too many years. It is time to act. Two local groups came together and reached a reasonable compromise to allow a voting structure that takes all landholders and residents into account. Please give us the option of this voting structure.

I urge you to pass AB 2453.

Sincerely,
Frank Seals

Paso Robles, CA 93446

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Subject: Fw: Support AB 2453-g.SEALS
From: Frank Mecham/BOS/COSLO - Monday 06/16/2014 08:30 AM
Sent by: Vicki Shelby/BOS/COSLO

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I am writing to voice my support for AB 2453, as well as the amendments dated June 7, 2014. I am a resident landowner of two acres overlying the Paso Robles Groundwater Basin. I have seen neighbors' wells run dry. Every day I wonder if this is the day my 500 foot well also runs dry.

The Paso Robles Groundwater Basin needs to be managed! The option of a water district based on one-person one-vote already exists in California Water Code in the form of a County Water District. Yet no one opposing AB 2453 has filed a petition with the Local Agency Formation Committee. AB 2453 gives the option for a local solution tailored for our area's needs. All residents and landowners would have a voice in managing the Basin, but no one person or group would have the ability to control it.

I urge you to pass AB 2453.

Sincerely,

Gary Seals

Paso Robles, CA 93446

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Subject: Fw: support for AB 2453-Gage
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Date: 06/12/2014 08:44 PM
Subject: support for AB 2453

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Senator Wolk and Members of the Senate Governance and Finance Committee,

Re: AB 2453, Paso Robles Basin Water District

I am writing to voice my support for AB 2453, as well as the Amendments dated June 7, 2014. As a resident landowner of 26 acres overlying the Paso Robles Groundwater Basin, we have seen our well drop 70 feet in the last 7 years. In our surrounding community, we have had one neighbor drill a new well, and three neighbors lower their pumps due to declining water levels. Two other neighbors have reported declining water levels as well.

The Paso Robles Groundwater Basin is in dire need of a water district that can manage the Basin as a whole and work to balance and stabilize it, making it sustainable in the future. The State has voiced the desire for local solutions to water problems. I believe AB 2453 creates a local solution tailored for our specific needs. It gives all residents and landowners a voice in managing this necessary resource, while giving no one person or group the ability to control it.

I urge you to pass AB 2453.
Sincerely,

Laurie Gage

Paso Robles, CA 93446

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To: cr_board_clerk Clerk Recorder/ClerkRec/COSLO@Wings,
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Subject: Fw: Supporting AB2453-Bower
From: Frank Mecham/BOS/COSLO - Monday 06/16/2014 08:30 AM
Sent by: Vicki Shelby/BOS/COSLO

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Date: 06/12/2014 09:38 PM
Subject: Supporting AB2453

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I urge you to support AB 2453 and give us, the overlayers and residents of the Paso Robles Groundwater Basin, the opportunity to manage and balance our Basin with local input and control.

Thank you for your consideration and support for this important issue.

Sincerely,
Jayne Bower

Paso Robles, CA 93446

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Cc:
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Subject: Fw: Supporting AB2453-Parry
From: Frank Mecham/BOS/COSLO - Monday 06/16/2014 08:30 AM
Sent by: Vicki Shelby/BOS/COSLO

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Date: 06/12/2014 09:41 PM
Subject: Supporting AB2453

Please give AB2453 your full support.
The Paso Robles water basin needs help, fast.
Otherwise, the state steps in.

Susan Parry DVM



To: cr_board_clerk Clerk Recorder/ClerkRec/COSLO@Wings,
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Subject: Fw: Supporting AB2453-Hagen
From: Frank Mecham/BOS/COSLO - Monday 06/16/2014 08:31 AM
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Subject: Supporting AB2453

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I urge you to support AB 2453 and give us, the overlies and residents of the Paso Robles

Groundwater Basin, the opportunity to manage and balance our Basin with local input and control.

Thank you for your consideration and support for this important issue.

Sincerely,

Patricia Hagen

Redwood City, CA 94065

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Subject: Fw: AB 2453, Paso Robles Basin Water District- Snowbarger
From: Frank Mecham/BOS/COSLO - Monday 06/16/2014 08:31 AM
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Date: 06/13/2014 07:33 AM
Subject: AB 2453, Paso Robles Basin Water District

The Honorable Senator Lois Wolk

Please see attached letter supporting AB 2453 and the proposed amendments dated June 7, 2014.

Thank You

Wayne Snowbarger



Paso Robles, CA 93446AB 2453, Paso Robles Basin Water District0001.pdf

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Sincerely,



Wayne Snowbarger

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http://www.water.ca.gov/groundwater/casgem/pdfs/lists/StatewidePriority_05262014.pdf
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From: Frank Mecham/BOS/COSLO - Monday 06/16/2014 08:31 AM
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http://www.water.ca.gov/groundwater/casgem/pdfs/lists/StatewidePriority_05262014.pdf.

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Sincerely,

Arturo A. Flores

Paso Robles, CA 93446

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Steve Carter

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To: cr_board_clerk Clerk Recorder/ClerkRec/COSLO@Wings,
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Subject: Fw: I support AB2453-Brown
From: Frank Mecham/BOS/COSLO - Monday 06/16/2014 08:32 AM
Sent by: Vicki Shelby/BOS/COSLO

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Date: 06/13/2014 08:59 AM
Subject: I support AB2453

Please see attached letter.



Mary A. Brown AB 2453.docx

June 12, 2014

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Sincerely,

Mary A. Brown

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Supervisors:

I worked for and continue to support a groundwater management plan for the Paso Robles Groundwater Basin. But AB 2453 in its present form is a fraud posing as a solution.

The main problem with 2453 is that the vote whether to form the district and the votes for six of the nine Directors are based on the number of acres the voter owns. Consequently, as few as 30 of the largest landowners will decide whether or not the district is formed. The votes of the other 4,800 landowners (about 11,000 registered voters) will not matter. Unless the formation vote is amended by the legislature, fewer than 1% of the voters who depend on the groundwater basin will make the decision.

Assemblyman Achadjian is not correct when he says the the proposed bill "can be fixed" in the future by our Local Agency Formation Commission. LAFCO representatives have very clearly stated (when asked) that LAFCO does not have the authority to change the voting structure. Only you, the legislature, can do that.

The creators and backers of this bill are very quiet about the creation vote being based on acreage owned. Most local people, even those who have been to "informational" meetings come away from the meetings unaware of the voting structure.

Please ask the legislature to amend AB 2453 to change the vote to create the district to a one-voter-one-vote or even one-parcel-one-vote. If you do not want to do that, then please withdraw your support.

Respectfully,

Della Barrett



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June 12, 2014

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Sincerely,

Nicholas Miller
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As a small parcel (5 acres) landowner on a well I am writing to express my support for AB 2453 which outlines a unique hybrid voting structure for the board of directors of the proposed Paso Robles Basin Water District. I also support the proposed amendments dated June 7, 2014, which give all residents of the proposed district the opportunity to run for the board of directors.

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Sincerely,

Denis Snow

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I am writing to express my opposition to AB 2453 for the following reasons:

- AB 2453 is anti-democratic and will disenfranchise the 10,000+ registered voters who live in the proposed district -- those of us that live here, don't irrigate crops, and want policies that sustain the basin, not promote vineyard expansion plans. This is a precedent that should not be set!
- Acreage based voting will hand control of the basin over to absentee landowners because 50% of the land is owned by absentee landowners. This is a precedent that should not be set!
- AB 2453 favors large landowners and excludes the majority of local residents from local decisions. This is a precedent that should not be set!
- Owning land should NOT be a requirement to run for office in a democracy. Non-landowners will not be able to participate as water district directors due to the landownership requirement for district directors. This is a precedent that should not be

set!

Only a public management agency with a fully democratic governance structure whose directors are elected at large, based on the principle of one person, one vote will work to protect the Paso Robles groundwater basin from overdraft.

Please include my opposition in your committee analysis.

Respectfully yours,

Natalie Wilkie

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